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SUBJECT: SWEDEN AND THE "PRG"

REFS: A. STOCKHOLM 3583; B. SAIGON 10790; C. COPENHAGEN  
2201; D. STOCKHOLM 3492.

1. DEPARTMENT HAD DISCUSSION WITH SWEDISH CHARGE D'  
AFFAIRES LEIFLAND AUG 16 TO EXPRESS OUR DISAPPOINTMENT AT  
GOS DECISION TO UPGRADE STATUS OF PRG INFORMATION OFFICE  
IN STOCKHOLM REPORTED REFTEL D. DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN  
REITERATED WELL KNOWN U.S. VIEWS ON PRG ISSUE, ESPECIALLY  
ON QUESTION OF RECOGNITION. DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN  
ASKED LEIFLAND FOR GOS DEFINITION OF TERM "GENERAL DELE-  
GATION" AND EXPRESSED CONCERN WHETHER UPCOMING NORDIC  
FONMIN CONFERENCE AUG 29-30 WOULD RESULT IN OTHER SCANDA-  
NAVIAN COUNTRIES FOLLOWING SWEDISH MOVE TO ENHANCE PRG  
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2. LEIFLAND REPLIED THAT HE WAS VERY FAMILIAR WITH U.S. POSITION ON PRG ISSUE AND UNDERSTOOD OUR DISAPPOINTMENT OVER NEW PRG STATUS. HE STRONGLY EMPHASIZED, HOWEVER, GOS HAS ABSOLUTELY NO INTENTION OF RECOGNIZING PRG IN NEAR FUTURE. HE DOWN PLAYED SIGNIFICANCE OF TERM "GENERAL DELEGATION" ASSERTING THAT IT IS NOT REPEAT NOT A PRELIMINARY STEP TO EMBASSY STATUS BUT RATHER A DESIGNATION OF A SEPARATE CATEGORY OF REPRESENTATION THAT DOES NOT REPEAT

NOT IMPLY DIPLOMATIC STATUS. WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING THAT PRG OFFICIALS WILL HAVE CERTAIN LIMITED PRIVILEGES, THESE WILL NOT INCLUDE TAX OR IMPORT PRIVILEGES, THEY WILL NOT BE GRANTED DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY NOR WILL THEY BE ISSUED DIPLOMATIC LICENSE PLATES.

3. WITH REGARD TO NORDIC FONMIN CONFERENCE, LEIFLAND STATED HE DOES NOT KNOW WHETHER PRG ISSUE WILL BE ON AGENDA. EVEN IF IT WERE, HE SAID GOS WOULD NOT RAISE ISSUE, ADDING THAT CONFERENCE WILL BE FULLY ABSORBED WITH REVIEWING POTENTIAL ISSUES AT UPCOMING UN 29TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND OTHER NORDIC MATTERS. HE NOTED FURTHER THAT ON SUCH SENSITIVE POLITICAL MATTERS AS PRG ISSUE, GOS DOES NOT ATTEMPT TO IMPOSE ITS VIEWS ON OTHER SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES. HE CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT U.S. SHOULD NOT TRY TO BRING HEAVY PRESSURE ON GOS OVER PRG UPGRADING SINCE IT COULD, IF IT REACHED PRESS, PRODUCE A MOST UNFAVORABLE REACTION THAT COULD THREATEN GROWING IMPROVEMENT IN GOS-U.S. RELATIONS.

4. COMMENT. MEETING WITH LEIFLAND WAS THIRD DISCUSSION HELD WITH HIM BY DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES ON PRG ISSUE DURING PAST WEEK. HE HAS BEEN CONSISTENT IN HIS EMPHATIC DENIALS THAT GOS DOES NOT INTEND TO MOVE TOWARD DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION OF PRG AT THIS TIME. WE ARE INCLINED TO BELIEVE HIM ALTHOUGH THERE APPEARS TO BE LITTLE DOUBT THAT EVENTUALLY, SWEDEN WILL SERIOUSLY CONSIDER EXTENDING FULL RECOGNITION TO PRG. DURING ONE OF HIS TALKS WITH A DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE, LEIFLAND IMPLICITLY ACKNOWLEDGED THIS FACT WHEN HE EXPRESSED PERSONAL VIEW THAT WITHIN 3-5 YEARS MOST WESTERN EUROPEAN NATIONS

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WILL HAVE RECOGNIZED PRG. DESPITE LEIFLAND COMMENTS ABOUT FONMIN CONFERENCE, WE THINK IT IS HIGHLY PROBABLE PRG ISSUE WILL BE DISCUSSED THERE, AT LEAST INFORMALLY. THIS COULD LEAD NORDIC STATES SUCH AS FINLAND OR NORWAY TO UPGRADE PRG INFORMATION OFFICES ESTABLISHED IN THOSE COUNTRIES FOUR YEARS AGO, BUT WE WOULD NOT EXPECT SUCH A MOVE IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE. WE WOULD HOPE THAT GVN DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES IN WESTERN EUROPE WILL,

WITHIN LIMITS OF CAPABILITIES, ATTEMPT TO EXPAND GVN  
PRESENCE IN SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES TO FORESTALL POSSIBLE  
FUTURE PRG GAINS. INGERSOLL

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